

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are made to place the claims in the preferred U.S. format and to remove multiple claim dependencies.

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**Marked-up Claims -**

3. (Amended) A frame structure according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein each of the frame members is formed by bending from sheet metal.

4. (Amended) A frame structure according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, in which a hole is provided in each of the three portions and the common fastener passes through the holes.

5. (Amended) A frame structure according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, further including a second fastener which engages and secures together two of the three frame members.

6. (Amended) A frame structure according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, in which a first one of the frame members is of hollow section and a second one of the frame members passes through an opening in a wall of the first frame member.

8. (Amended) A frame structure according to claim 6 [or 7], in which a third one of the frame members passes through an opening in a further wall of the first frame member.

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10. (Amended) A frame structure according to claim 8 [or 9], in which the second frame member is of hollow section and the third frame member passes through an opening in a wall of the second frame member.

12. (Amended) A frame structure according to [any one of claims 6 to 10] claim 6, in which the first frame member is the vertical frame member.

13. (Amended) A frame structure according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, in which at least two of the frame members include further portions which are juxtaposed to one another and extend in planes transverse to the planes of the first-mentioned juxtaposed portions, the further juxtaposed portions being secured together by a further common fastener engaging the further juxtaposed portions.

15. (Amended) A frame structure according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein the structure includes eight corner joints that are all substantially identical to each other.

16. (Amended) A frame structure according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein the frame structure is substantially cuboidal.

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19. (Amended) A frame structure according to claim 17 [or 18], wherein each of the frame members is formed by bending from sheet metal.

20. (Amended) A frame structure according to claim 17 [, 18 or 19], in which a third one of the frame members passes through an opening in a further wall of the first frame member.

22. (Amended) A rack for electrical equipment comprising a frame structure according to [any preceding claim] claim 17.

25. (Amended) A flat pack comprising a plurality of frame members for assembling on site into a rack according to [any of claims 22 to 24] claim 22.